

# GENERAL MEDICAL 8.0

## Immunizations Offered in Local Health Departments -- 8.9

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### **POLICY**

Any adult (18 years of age or greater for immunizations only) may accompany a child and grant permission for the child to receive vaccines in the local health department, unless the vaccine specifically requires signed informed consent of the parent.

### **APPLICABILITY**

This policy applies to Local Health Departments.

### **PURPOSE**

To protect children in Tennessee from acquiring vaccine preventable diseases and to prevent missed opportunities to immunize children in local health departments.

### **PROCEDURE**

Recommended vaccine will be administered to any child accompanied by an adult, unless the child is old enough to obtain medical care in the health department without an adult present (13 year olds for STD and Family Planning Services). Clerical personnel will enter all immunization information into PTBMIS both historical and those administered on the date of the visit. Nursing staff will enter any vaccine administered at the visit on the immunization form in the child's

chart. Professional staff (RN, Physician, Nutritionist, etc) must review and document any historical immunization information on the health department immunization form in the child's chart. Original historical records or copies provided by parents may be kept or discarded at the discretion of regional health department policy. Once it is determined what vaccines the child needs, nursing staff will educate the accompanying adult, assure that the most current vaccine information sheet for each vaccine has been provided, and give the immunization.

## **NECESSARY FORM**

### **OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY**

Office of the Medical Director, Bureau of Health Services, (615)741-7305